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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 7, 2005

In response to the Office Action dated December 7, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 7, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although the Applicant believes that no fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3562 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.